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Urban District Council of Pickering.

ANNUAL REPORT.

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending December 31st, 1945.

To the Chairman and Members of the Pickering Urban District Council

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report on the health and sanitary conditions of your Area.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

The Area of your District is 15,652 acres.

The estimated resident Population is 3,808.

The number of inhabited houses is 1,199.

The Rateable Value is £16,764, which produces a Penny Rate, £70 : 10 : 3 nett.

Social Conditions.

The inhabitants of the District are mainly occupied in agricultural pursuits.

Vital Statistics.

		Total	M	F	Birth Rate per 1,000 of population
		53	28	25	13·6
Live Births	Legitimate	45	24	21	
	Illegitimate	8	4	4	
Still Births	Legitimate	1	0	1	18·5 per 1,000 total Births Live and Still
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	
Deaths		50	29	21	13·1 per 1,000 of population.

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	Total 1	Rate 18·8
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	1	22·2
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	none	none

No deaths occurred from Puerperal Sepsis.

No deaths occurred from other Puerperal Disease.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	... ...	4
„ Measles (all ages)	... ...	none
„ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	none
„ Diarrhœa (under two years of age)		none

Causes of Death were :—

Bronchitis	5	Heart Disease	14
Other Respiratory Disease	1	Diabetes	1
Cancer	4	Nephritis	2
Pneumonia	1	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2
Other Digestive Disease	1	Maternal Causes	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	3	Other Violent Causes	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	4	Syphlitic Disease	1
		All Other Causes	9

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Public Health Officers of the Authority are :—

The M.O.H., Sanitary Inspector, District Nurses and the School Medical Officer. The M.O.H. is in charge of the Child Welfare Clinic and is assisted by the District Nurse.

Nursing in the Homes.

The District Nurses attend cases in the homes where necessary, except in infectious cases.

Laboratory Facilities.

The North Riding Laboratory, Scarborough, undertakes all necessary work.

Hospitals.

There is no change in former arrangements.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Motor Ambulance continues to be of the greatest service to the community.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

No alteration has been made in former arrangements.

Water Supply.

The Water Supply from Keld Head is satisfactory in amount and the quality has been pure. From analysis the water is hard (13° Temporary hardness). Frequent bacteriological examinations have been made and when contamination has been found, the ordinary dosage of Chlorine has been increased. Practically all the dwelling-houses are supplied from public water mains direct to the houses.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following tabular statement is furnished by the Sanitary Inspector.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I herewith submit the Report on the Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Number of visits under Public Health Acts	208
" " " Housing Acts	51
" " to Dairies Cowsheds, etc.	73
" " to works in progress	94
" " to Shops	27
Drainage systems renewed or improved	21
Drains inspected and tested	24
" " " found satisfactory	19
" " " found defective	5

Shops and Offices.

No action has been found necessary under the Shops Acts.

Camping Sites.

No Licences have been issued for Camping sites, but one field in the Town at one time had eleven separate families camped in it. No provision had been made for water supply or sanitary accommodation, and the use of the field for camping purposes was discontinued as the result of statutory action.

Smoke Abatements.

No nuisance exists from smoke in the area.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

The premises which formerly housed the Council's Swimming Bath are still used as a British Restaurant. In any case a Water Purification Plant would have to be installed before the Bath could be re-opened.

Meat and Other Foods.

All general slaughtering is carried out at a central Abbatoir outside the District,

By an arrangement with the Food Office, retailers are allowed replacement of all condemned food-stuffs and points on production of duplicate copies of any condemnation certificates. Any articles of worth-while quantity are notified to the Ministry of Food Salvage Dept.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No cases of Bug infestation have been discovered, but, there have been a few cases of flea infestation. The use of the new D.D.T. and Gammexane chemicals have already proved their value as insecticides.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. STOREY, A.R.S.I., M.I.H.

Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION F. Prevalence and control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1945.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Measles ...	60	none	none
Smallpox ...	none	none	none
Scarlet Fever ...	6	none	none
Diptheria ...	none	none	none
Enteric Fever, including Paratyphoid	none	none	none
Puerperal Fever ...	none	none	none
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	none	none	none
Pneumonia ...	none	none	none
Erysipelas ...	none	none	none
Whooping Cough ...	3	none	none

Cancer.

4 deaths occurred from Cancer during the year, 3 being males and 1 female.

Prevention of Blindness.

No action was necessary under Section 66 of the Public Health Act.

Tuberculosis.

New cases of Mortality during 1945 :—

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 ...								
1 ...								
5 ...								
15 ...								
25 ...	1				1			
35 ...	2				1	1		
45 ...								
55 ...								
65 & upwards								
Totals...	3				2	1		

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,
THOS. J. MUIR,
Medical Officer of Health,
Pickering Urban District.